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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated August 25, 2006, the Advisory Action dated December 11, 2006, and the interview with the Examiner held on January 17, 2007, Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 114. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the rejections of the Final Office Action, and of each of the issues asserted in the Advisory Action, and request allowance of all the claims pending herein.

Inasmuch as the three-month shortened statutory period was originally set in the Office Action to expire on November 27, 2006, Applicants hereby request an extension of time for two months and are concurrently filing a formal Request for Extension of Time, together with all requisite fees therefor. If for any reason the formal Request for Extension of Time is not associated with the file at the Patent and Trademark Office or the extension fee is deficient, this should be considered to be an express request for any necessary extension of time and authorization to charge any necessary extension of time fee, or any other fee for consideration of this Submission, to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are shown in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 3.

Remarks begin on page 5.